

REMARKS

Claims 17-24, 26-33, 44-46, 48-51, and 54-71 are pending in the application. Claims 33 and 51 stand objected to. Claims 55-59, 63-67 and 71 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 17, 18, 20, 26, 31, 44, 45, 50, 51, 55, 60, 61, 63, and 68-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by US Patent Application No. 2006/0065546 to Gorur ("Gorur"). Claims 19, 21-24, 27-30, 32, 46, 48 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gorur in view of US Patent Application No. 2002/0091539 to Yin, et al. ("Yin"). Claims 54 and 62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gorur in view of Yin, and further in view of non-patent document "Pi: A New Approach to Flexibility in System Software" by Kulkarni ("Kulkarni").

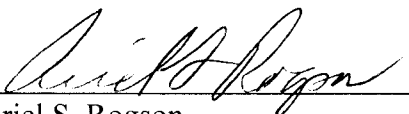
Reconsideration is requested. The rejections are traversed. No new matter is added. Claims 17, 32, and 44 are amended. Claims 31, 33, 50-51, 55-59, 63-67, and 71 are canceled. Claims 17-24, 26-30, 32, 44-46, 48-49, 54, 60-62, and 68-70 remain in the case for consideration.

Claims 33 and 51 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 17 is amended to include the features of dependent claims 31 and 33. Claim 44 is amended to include the features of dependent claims 50 and 51. As the Examiner indicated that claims 33 and 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claims 17 and 44 should now be allowable, as should dependent claims 18-24, 26-30, 32, 45-46, 48-49, 54, 60-62, and 68-70.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 17-24, 26-30, 32, 44-46, 48-49, 54, 60-62, and 68-70 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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